

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows.

1. (currently amended) A warp knitted fabric of at least three-bar construction, said fabric comprised of multifilament synthetic pile yarns on the technical back which are raised or broken to produce a plush surface, and monofilament synthetic ground yarns in a dimensionally stable stitch pattern on the technical face, wherein at least ~~one of said yarns and~~ technical back of said fabric are is hydrophilic, at least a portion of said pile yarns are comprised of microdenier filaments, and at least said technical back of said fabric is chemically treated with a hydrophilic composition to render said plush surface hydrophilic.

2. (currently amended) The fabric of Claim 1, wherein said pile yarns are comprised of microdenier filaments characterized by a filament linear density of not greater than 1.1 denier.

3. (original) The fabric of Claim 1, wherein said pile yarns have a denier of at least 50.

4. (original) The fabric of Claim 1, wherein said monofilament synthetic ground yarns have individual deniers of at least 10.

5. (original) The fabric of Claim 1, wherein said pile yarns are knitted in a 1-0, 4-5 stitch pattern and said ground yarns are comprised of at least two sets, one set being knitted in a 1-0, 0-1 stitch pattern, and another set being knitted in a 1-0, 2-3 stitch pattern.

6. (original) The fabric of Claim 1, wherein said monofilament synthetic ground yarns have a combined denier that does not exceed that of the pile yarn.

7. (previously amended) The fabric of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said yarns and fabric are chemically treated with an anionic-ethoxylated sulfonated polyester and a high molecular weight ethoxylated polyester.

8. (original) The fabric of Claim 7, wherein said agents are mixed to provide about 1% - 8% OWF and about 0.1% - 1.0% solids OWF.

9. (original) The fabric of Claim 8, wherein said agents are added at about 1.5% OWF each.

10. (previously amended) The fabric of Claim 7, wherein at least one of said yarns and fabric is treated by at least one selected from the group consisting of adding an anti-pathogenic agent, dyeing, scouring, optically brightening, bulking, and combinations thereof.

11. (original) The fabric of Claim 1, wherein the fabric has an absorbency of at least 5 ml of water before overflow for a 10cm X 10cm sample.

12. (original) The fabric of Claim 1, wherein the fabric has wicking of at least 150mm of rise of water in 30 minutes.

13. (original) The fabric of Claim 1, wherein said plush surface provides for sharp definition printing.

14. (original) The fabric of Claim 1, wherein said plush surface has substantially instantaneous moisture dissipation.

15. (previously amended) The fabric of Claim 1, wherein the fabric is at least one selected from the group consisting of absorbent, wicking, hydrophilic, printable, launderable, cleanable, durable, dimensionally stable, non-fraying, color fast, and combinations thereof.

16. – 23. (withdrawn).

24. (original) An absorbent, wicking, printable fabric or product produced by the method of Claim 16.

25. (previously amended) The fabric of Claim 24, wherein the fabric is at least one selected from the group consisting of absorbent, wicking, hydrophilic, printable, launderable, durable, dimensionally stable, non-fraying, color fast, and combinations thereof.

26. – 34. (withdrawn).